



**VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012
10 A.M.
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL**



What VOICE is About

VOICE brings together diverse members of our community in facilitator-led group discussions to draw out and capture everyone's ideas for the future. Together, we'll discuss our hopes and dreams for Evansville in a comfortable, open forum that's fun and inspiring, too. The sessions will allow respectful conversations to take place, and all voices to be heard, and every opinion to be documented and shared. VOICE will ensure that everyone in our community has the opportunity to take part in creating a desired future. Absolutely everyone.

The VOICE Process

Leadership Evansville will facilitate discussion sessions each month starting on August 15 at easy-to-access public locations, such as Evansville Public Library System branches and Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation schools. The sessions will be advertised in neighborhood newsletters, the newspaper, television, radio and via the initiative's website: www.evansvillevoice.com.

Comments from each session will be available to the participants and the public. A summary and detailed notes will be posted on the VOICE Web site within one week of the session.

Once all comments are collected, additional community sessions will occur to verify that the information collected truly represents participants' opinions.

Then, common themes and ideas will be grouped by topic area to serve guidance for those organizations, businesses, universities, individuals, and government bodies with interest in that topic to move forward with further research and planning toward common goals.



VOICE SESSION SCHEDULE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

GROUND RULES

THE POSITIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

CARRY FORWARD & LEAVE BEHIND

VISION DRAWING & PRESENTATION

WRAP UP/ WHAT'S NEXT



LARGE GROUP OPENING- Lead Facilitator

"One or two words describing why you are passionate about our community."



LARGE GROUP OPENING- Lead Facilitator

“One or two words describing why you are passionate about our community.”

School system
Volunteers in Evansville
Hola
Evansville philharmonic
Universities
Trails, walking, biking
Evansville is great
Population is a good size
Libraries have a lot of resources
family orientated
Churches
Stores
People are helpful and hardworking
Pretty
Greenway, parks, and outdoor activities
Activities in Evansville and the zoo
River
Kids Kingdom
People
Passion
Size
Families
So much to do
Growing health systems
Central hub for Tri-state area
Community works together
Everyone cares about the future
Neighborhood efforts to revitalize
Schools
Restoring Evansville
Libraries

Riverfronts
Family owned restaurants
Pride in community
Enthusiasm of young people
Love the downtown
Love the people
Diverse city
Progressive city
Friendliness of people
Opportunities that Evansville brings
Central library
Mesker Zoo
Excited about getting together to improve
Evansville
Zoo
River
Generous community
Inner faith community dialogue
Volunteerism of inner city
Safe area to raise families
Volunteer
Police and fire services
Welcoming Evansville is to newcomers
Sense of community spirit
Farmers market
Frog follies
Leadership Evansville
All opportunities to allow citizens to
express opinions

Improvements of the city over the last 27 years. Diversity of restaurants, improvements of library system
Wesselman woods

Theatre
Young professionals
Young people come together and dream about Evansville





SMALL GROUP 1- SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS

"In a preferred future, what would you carry forward and what would you leave behind?"

Small group 1 facilitator: Alisha Aman

Small group 1 scribe: Greg Freyberger

Small group 1 recorder: Shelia Naab



TAKE FORWARD	LEAVE BEHIND
New education initiatives	Trash/litter
Schools	Drug problems
Trails expand	Negativism
Planting trees	Litter
	Culture of sections of the city... West site vs East Side
Openness for change	Litter
Beautification in different parts of the city	Bullying
Arts community	Negativity
Sense of community/volunteerism	
Openness for community with local government	Prejudice
Libraries	Homelessness
Murals on concrete walls at Garvin or on building sites downtown	Video games
Opportunities for diversity and to be included in the community	Negative approach to change
Drug enforcement	
Safety	
Opportunities for young people	Emerging gangs
Opportunities for small businesses to affordably buy properties that are sitting there and not being utilized	
People that help other people	Bullying in schools
Welcoming new people in the area	
Preparedness for natural disasters	
Reaching to parents and families through radio and put more emphasis on support for parents	
Good park system	Image of an obese city
Education system for crime victims	Silence
Victory theatre and expand to bigger production... more performing arts	Racism



SMALL GROUP 2- SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS

"In a preferred future, what would you carry forward and what would you leave behind?"

Small group 2 facilitator: Shawn Collins
Small group 2 scribe: Timothy Weir
Small group 2 recorder: Jeff Gruszewski



TAKE FORWARD	LEAVE BEHIND
Welcome	Violence
Concern for looks	Gangs
Unity	Trash
Diversity	Violence
Good Education system	Poverty
Local Business	Meth/Drug Abuse
Tolerance	Traffic
Communities	Drugs
Better School systems	
Street Improvements	
Complete streets	
Bike paths	Intolerance
Family Values	Teenage Pregnancy
Hi Tech Industry	Pollution
Downtown Development	Obesity
Policemen	Cigarettes
Philanthropy	Discrimination
Business Recruitment	Hate
Growing Healthcare system	Chain restaurants
Hospitals	
Recycling	
Sports	Discrimination
Neighborhood Associations	
Evansville Traditions	Child Abuse
Colleges	Polution
Smoking	Trash
	Littering
More recreational activites	
	Global warming
	Teen Violence
	Crazy Drivers
Alternative Energy	
Young Professional involvement	
Sports	Pollution
Population	
Caring for kids that are sick	



CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE

LARGE GROUP CLOSING

Recap of "What elements have you drawn into your visions of Evansville's Preferred Future?"





LARGE GROUP CLOSING- Group 1

Recap of “ What elements have you drawn into your visions of Evansville’s Preferred Future?”

Group 1A

- Man walking and able to smoke.
- Hospital that is wanting customers to come in because no one needs help
- Safe, full employment downtown that is vibrant and full activities.
- People holding hands and showing they can get along in the community.
- People are all different and we are united in things and accept diversity

GROUP 1B

- Green technology with industry that Evansville is known for with a big downtown with lots of jobs. Lots of sporting events, activities and diversity
- Happy homes. Show all the people who are renovating the older homes in a beautiful way. LST downtown and a busy riverfront.
- No trash on the street.
- No smoking in the city

Group 2A

- Planting, trees, skate park, picking up trash; bird's nest
- Handicap accessible on bike trails and public pool; community centers in more neighborhoods; community gardens in all neighborhoods; safe places in all neighborhoods
- Home - the safe place to be; healthy home- healthy city - healthy country
- Infrastructure - spur of express ways I-69 spur to west side; new housing start-ups; more green space; more outdoor activity areas; beautify Hwy 41 entrance; multilanguage signage welcoming people; sidewalks all over;

- Community buildings in all neighborhoods

Group 2B

- House behind lake; trees;
- Unified government; concerts on the river; new Roberts Park, Harkey Pool; dog park, water features
- Trails - bikes, walking, wheel chairs; swimmers, boaters; homes of all kinds surrounded by green space
- Lots of trees; new transportation system - goes everywhere; diversity of people coming together walking in the same direction; lots of music and entertainment; #1 in progress; lots of love, education; a shine over the city saying, "We're getting there!"



Participants

Cameron	Davis
Phylisha	Davis
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Nicolas	Churque
Jose	Maning
Tyler	Scott
Nick	Couch
Court	Kull
Kenny	
Shirley	Overfelt
Lloyd	Winnecke
Jael	Churque
Abe	Brown
Maggie	Couch
Jean	Templeton
Alana	Davis
Reese	Wines
Phyllip	Davis





